



# The Trainwire



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## Division 5 Loses Another Legend

On Thursday, July 12, 2018 Donald M. Bittner slipped the bonds of this world and entered the Kingdom of the Lord. Don was born April 7, 1931 in Painesville and lived in Mentor for over 60 years. He graduated as an apprentice auto mechanic from the Cleveland Trade School in 1950 and honorably served in Korea (1951-1953) for the United States Army as an aircraft mechanic. Don's career revolved around his love for automobiles. He was a mechanic for Barton Brothers Garage in Painesville, and the general manager at McClintock Chevrolet in Chardon, as well as one of the first instructors (in 1966) at the Lake County Joint Vocational School, now known as Auburn Career Center. He owned his own business restoring historical vintage race cars for several years, then took a position with the City of Mentor as an Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, retiring in 1993. Post retirement, he and his wife traveled over

160,000 miles, through 42 states with their camper. He had a lifelong passion for trains and was a proud member of the National Model Railroad Association - Division 5, where he earned several awards for his modeling craftsmanship and volunteer activities. Don is survived by his wife of 64 years, Nancy (Steinbrick); daughters, Teri Bittner and Sally (Bob) Rynazewski; and granddaughters, Sara and Rachel Rynazewski.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully encourages contributions to Bella Care Hospice, 1933 State Route 45, Austinburg, Ohio 44010 or the Painesville Railroad museum, 475 Railroad St., Painesville, OH 44077 or online at [painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org).

To honor the life of Donald M. Bittner, family and friends gathered for a casual open house to share memories, refreshments, and each other's company from 3 to 7 pm on Friday, July 20, 2018, at The Kennedy House in Willoughby, Ohio.

*I had the pleasure of knowing this gentle soul for fourteen years and will miss him as much as his family and countless other friends. His immeasurable contributions and activities to his community and organizations that he was part of will be remembered long into the future. Go in peace my dear friend and may you rest in peace through eternity.*



**Donald M. Bittner**  
1931 - 2018

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
 13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)  
 Chardon, Ohio

Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.

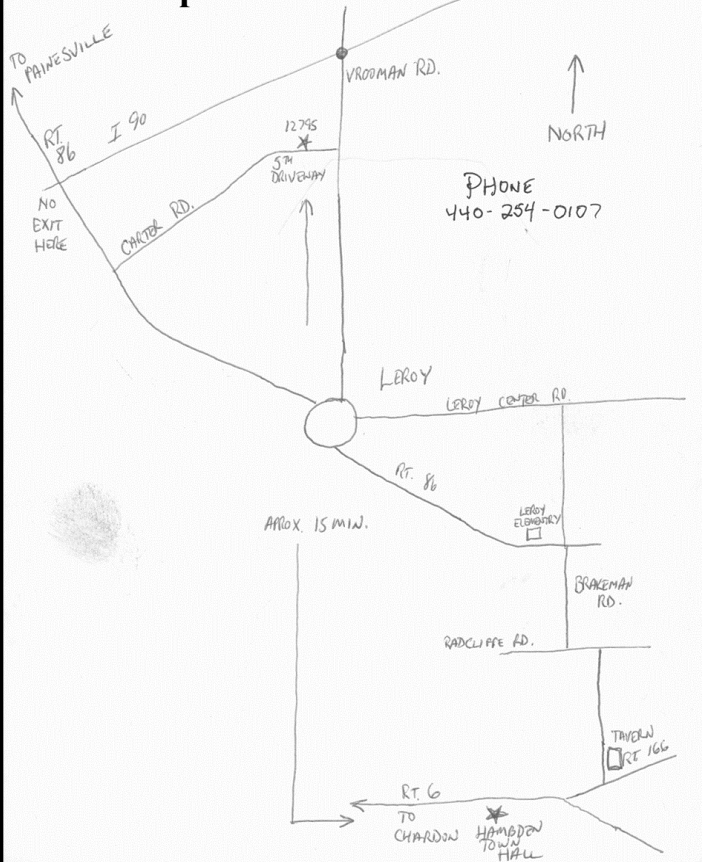
**August 10th, 2018**

Location: Bill Osborne's home  
 Program: Railroad Videos  
 Bring & Brag: None

**September 7th, 2018**

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: TBA  
 Bring & Brag: TBA

### Map to Bill Osborne's Home



## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Birthday Party (125th) August 4**  
 Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 5)  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

**Railroad Memorabilia Show August 26**  
 Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 6)  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

**Boy Scout Day September 15**  
 Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 9)  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

**The Great Berea Train Show October 6 & 7**  
 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds  
 19201 Bagley Rd. (flyer on page 10)  
 Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)



# Division 5 Annual Picnic



Division 5 held its annual picnic on July 22, 2018 at the Painesville Railroad Museum. Despite the on and off drizzle and light rain, it was well attended by 45 members and guest. When the weather becomes a little less than desirable, the Depot becomes a giant

pavilion. The great food enjoyed by our guests was catered by IGA, including breaded chicken, macaroni salad, coleslaw, along with Tom and Luisa Pescha's Hobo Beans, as well as cake and ice cream for desert. If anyone left the picnic hungry, it was their own fault. And let's not forget the great railfanning experience

including a Department of Defense train. You never know what is going to be coming down the track. - *Tom Pescha*





# More Division 5 Picnic Pictures



## Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

The businesses listed below are currently accepting Division 5's award certificates:



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys  
 Hobby Town USA  
 Train Specialty Company  
 Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters  
 Bova's Music & Train Shoppe  
 The Painesville Railroad Museum

Willoughby, Ohio  
 Mentor, Ohio  
 Chardon, Ohio  
 Geneva, Ohio  
 Westfield, New York  
 Painesville, Ohio



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# PAINESVILLE DEPOT

Celebrating it's

# 125TH BIRTHDAY

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475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

**August 4, 2018**

10 am to 5 pm

Admission **FREE**

Donations accepted and appreciated!



The First Painesville Train Station was built in 1850 for the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad. The first train ran from Painesville to Cleveland on November 20, 1851. The trip took about 2 1/2 hours. The alternate form of travel was a 14 hour, once per week stagecoach ride, horse back or walking.

The present Painesville Depot was Built in 1893 under the Lake Shoe and Michigan Southern Railroad (LS&MS). The LS&MS railroad merged with the New York Central Railroad in 1914. This Station served as a passenger station until 1971 when Amtrak was formed.

The Western Reserve Railroad Association, doing business as The Painesville Railroad Museum, received ownership of the station in 1997.

*Live Music  
Chinese Auction  
50/50 Raffle  
Face Painting*



*Food and Refreshments  
available*

*Happy Birthday*



*Join us for a fun day of music, games,  
good eats and Railfanning!*



[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)

501(c)3 non-profit  
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**Free Birthday Cake  
and  
Ice Cream  
One serving per person**





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**Railroad Graffiti.**

## Wanted

**T**he Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular view point on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the Modelers Corner; then we want to hear from you. Everyone wants to be kept current on Division information, but we all enjoy an interesting article written by a member of this organization. So take your pictures and article and send them to the Editor by email and share them will all of us.

**The Cassandra Cut in Pennsylvania.**

## Notice

I will be compiling the next Trainwire on the 19th of the month and any articles or reports that come in after the 19th will probably be published in the following issue. - *The Editor*



# The Trainwire Newsletter

# Electronic Version

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A freight train crossing the Painesville bridge.

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# BOY SCOUT DAY

AT  
PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM



**September 15, 2018**

**10 am to 4 pm**



**Earn your Railroad Merit Badge**

**Classes being present by  
National Model Railroad Association**

**MCR Division 5  
cost \$25.00 each**



**Painesville Railroad Museum**  
475 Railroad Street  
Painesville, Ohio 44077  
A 501c3 non-profit  
[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)

**lunch included  
Limited to max. 20**



Boy Scout Day Sept 2018

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Boy Scout Day Sept 2018 merit badge

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